

eliminate two teams prior to the start of the 2002 season. If the owners have their way, two communities that have poured their hearts and money into their teams and stadiums will be feeling worse than the residents of Mudville after the mighty Casey struck out—at least the fans of the Mudville nine were able to look forward to next year.

The Give Fans a Chance Act of 2001 gives communities a voice when sports team owners attempt to relocate or eliminate a team. This legislation recognizes the fact that professional sports teams are an integral part of the fabric that makes up our communities. Fans often have more than just an emotional attachment to their teams. Taxpayers frequently pay hundreds of millions of dollars to finance stadiums to keep teams in place. For example, in Houston, the public financed \$180 million of the \$250 million Enron Field. In Seattle, Safeco Field was constructed at a cost of over \$500 million with \$340 million publicly financed. Additionally, fans spend millions of dollars on tickets, merchandise, and other services surrounding the operation of franchises.

There probably has never been a better example of the link between the spirit of a community and its sports teams than New York. The Yankees, Mets, Giants, Jets, Islanders, Rangers, and Knicks have all helped bring the community together and deal with the tragedy that struck the city on September 11, 2001. The memorable World Series just completed between the Arizona Diamondbacks and the New York Yankees has in fact helped the nation heal in the wake of the terrorist attacks.

The Give Fans a Chance Act accomplishes three important objectives. The bill: (1) eliminates league rules that disallow public ownership of sports team franchises; (2) gives communities a voice in team relocation decisions; and (3) ties broadcast antitrust exemptions to the bill's requirements.

This legislation makes professional sports leagues and their team owners appropriately consider the communities of which they are a part. Taxpayers and fans contribute soul and money to the teams of their communities and they deserve a voice when the threat of team relocation or elimination steps into the batter's box.

HONORING MR. AND MRS. JAMES  
BARNER

HON. JOHN S. TANNER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. TANNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of my dear friends, the Barner family, who have worked as West Tennessee dairy farmers for more than four decades.

James and Lois Barner, married for 53 years now, began dairying on a farm in Kenton, TN, more than 40 years ago. Eight years later, they moved their operation to nearby Martin, TN, which has been home to Barner & Sons Dairy ever since.

The couple's three sons Donnie, Ray, and Doug now oversee most of the dairy farm's daily operations, but James and Lois Barner continue to help with the over 500 head of Holstein cattle currently raised at the farm. Mr. and Mrs. Barner have four grandsons and two

granddaughters, whom they hope are the start of a third generation of successful Barner dairy farmers. Mr. Barner has said two of his grandsons, Dusty and Cody, often help with chores around the dairy.

The Barners often open the farm for hands-on lessons for visiting agriculture students from the University of Tennessee at Martin, as well as students visiting from nearby elementary and secondary schools.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in honoring Mr. and Mrs. James Barner and their family for their years of hard work on their Weakley County dairy farm and their dedicated service to their West Tennessee neighbors.

## 226TH BIRTHDAY OF THE UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS

HON. ANDER CRENSHAW

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. CRENSHAW. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the men and women of the United States Marine Corps in celebration of the Corps' 226th birthday. As our Nation reacts to the terrorist attacks of September 11, our armed forces have been asked to fight the first war of the 21st Century, a war like no other America has had to endure.

Marine Corps personnel are not adverse to new types of war, making up America's unique capability of an amphibious fighting force from the sea. United States Marines are symbols to the world of American honor, strength and character. Their lineage tells a story of the most difficult wars and conflicts the United States has ever fought.

I am honored to represent active duty, reserve, retired and former Marines in the 4th Congressional District of Florida. Their contribution to the local communities and overall mission of the armed forces enables the citizens of this great nation to reap the benefits of freedom.

The active duty Marines in my district perform the vital mission of supporting forward deployed Marine Corps personnel with sustainable wartime supplies out of Blount Island Command in Jacksonville, FL. These Marines are tasked with coordinating and executing a supply chain of warfighting tools required to perform their combat amphibious mission.

On November 10, the Marine Corps will celebrate the birth of an organization with a heroic legacy of protecting the values that built this great Nation. As we celebrate this birthday let us also remember those that have given the ultimate sacrifice for freedom.

To all Marines, I say Happy Birthday and offer the words of Admiral Nimitz regarding the make up of a United States Marine, "Among the men who fought on Iwo Jima, uncommon valor was a common virtue."

HONORING MARIE GALLO

HON. GARY A. CONDIT

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. CONDIT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Marie Gallo as American Legion Post

No. 74's "Man of the Year." It is a distinct privilege to recognize Marie as a fine example of selfless service on behalf of her community.

It was once said that Marie Gallo is a giver, always. She is determined that her life has a purpose, and she sweeps the rest of us along with her. No project is too enormous; no challenge goes unmet.

The list of service organizations that she belongs to is impressive. She has been honored by the Modesto Symphony Guild for her many years of support and faithful service on the Board of Directors. Like the Gallo Foundation and other family members who support countless causes in Modesto, she's often a silent benefactor. As a board member she instituted the very successful "Picnic at the Pops" on the grounds of the Gallo Winery and is responsible for instituting the Symphony Guild's "Holiday Overture" which is held at the Gallo Winery administration building during the holiday season.

Marie is also involved in community activities including chairing projects, hosting luncheons, serving on boards, and ringing Salvation Army bells. She is a driving force behind funding and building the Gallo Performing Arts Center in Modesto.

She has been honored by the Anti Defamation League for her work in bringing all races and classes of people together. She is a founding member of the Auxiliary of the Sisters of the Cross and was instrumental in bringing the contemplative order to Stanislaus County. She also belongs to the Catholic Social Service Guild and Father John Silva Education Foundation.

Marie and her husband, Bob, along with their eight children have set examples for our communities to follow. I am proud to call Marie my friend and honor her for service to our community. I ask my colleagues to rise and join me in honoring Marie Gallo.

## STATEMENT OF GRATITUDE

HON. PAUL RYAN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, November 8, 2001*

Mr. RYAN of Wisconsin. Mr. Speaker, the events of the past months have changed both our world and our lives. Without warning, this country's civilians found themselves on the front lines in the war against terrorism. But our American spirit has prevailed. Though unprecedented obstacles continue to confront us, Americans have joined together to overcome these difficulties. Where terrorists hoped to divide us in chaos, our dedication to persevere made us stronger than ever.

The Members and staff of the House Administration Committee along with the Chief Administrative Officer and his staff, the Attending Physician, and our friends at the General Accounting Office made a vital contribution to battling the recent terrorist strike on our country. When a suspicious letter containing anthrax caused members of Senate Majority Leader TOM DASCHLE, Senator RUSSELL D. FEINGOLD's staff, and members of the Capitol Police Department to test positive for exposure, the Capitol complex closed so that an environmental sweep of the buildings could be conducted as a precautionary measure. While the Congressional office buildings remained